56. The method of claim 55 wherein the optically pure (S,S) reboxetine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises at least about 97 wt.% of (S,S) reboxetine and less than about 3 wt.% of (R,R) reboxetine, based on the total weight of the (S,S) and (R,R) reboxetine present.

57. The method of claim 56 wherein the optically pure (S,S) reboxetine or pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof comprises at least about 99 wt.% of (S,S) reboxetine and less than about 1 wt.% of (R,R) reboxetine, based on the total weight of the (S,S) and (R,R) reboxetine present.

58. The method of claim 13 wherein the condition is chronic pain.

59. The method of claim 13 wherein the condition is selected from the group consisting of at least one of fibromyalgia and other somatoform disorders.

60. The method of claim 13 wherein the condition is a migraine headache.

61. The method of claim 41 wherein the disorder is selected from the group consisting of at least one of chronic pain, fibromyalgia and other somatoform disorders, and migraine headaches.

62. The method of claim 41 wherein the disorder is chronic pain. --